Cash for Bills Spent on Liquor Duncan Alderman Maintains

DUNCAN—Ald. Steve Saunders, a service station operator, charged, at a council meeting, the government liquor store was getting money that should be used for paying bills.

"If it wasn't for the liquor store we could collect our accounts," he said. "Much unemployment insurance money that should go for paying bills finds it way there."

He told a Chamber of Commerce delegation, which was objecting to a proposal to move the liquor store, that he would "move it to the top of Mount Benson or the bottom of Maple Bay."

The delgation was bucking a proposal to move the liquor store from the downtown area to a site on the Island Highway. Members said they felt the move would destroy the solidarity of the present business district and might lead to the development of a competitive business district "outside the city."

Mayor J. T. Dobson said the city had not yet decided whether it would give its approval to the new site in the proposed new Masonic Temple on the highway.

Driver Can Use Crummy But Not Car for Month

NANAIMO—Percy Nelson kept his licence yesterday despite an impaired driving conviction. But he was fined $135. He will be allowed to drive his workmates to work in a company "crummy," but must not drive his own car for a month.

Nelson said he had never before had a conviction against him in 23 years of driving.

Snag Falls, Injures Nanaimo Logger

NANAIMO — William B. Russell was in fair condition in hospital here last night after suffering undisclosed injuries caused by a falling snag at the Comox Logging Company operation at Nanaimo Lakes.

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Car Dealers Criticized

PORT ALBERNI — Seven car dealers in Port Alberni are not observing closing hour regulations, the city's licencing inspector, Joe Ruissan, reported to council.

He asked directions as to whether the council wished enforcement of the regulations.

The matter was referred to committee for study.

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Labor Unrest

'Stark Depression' Could Face B.C.

CAMPBELL RIVER—Labor unrest could lead to "stark depression" in B.C., H. J. W. Evans, Nanaimo, president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Vancouver Island, told the group's 41st annual meeting here, yesterday.

Mr. Evans told delegates their groups had "made their position very clear" in regard to labor unrest in B.C. during the last year.

He expressed the hope that people throughout the province would rally to the support of government, industry, and those labor leaders who have a "sincere desire and the courage" to try to halt "this mad plunge into financial oblivion."

"Without markets we have no industry and without industry we have no payrolls," Mr. Evans said.

"Projecting this further, we have unemployment and stark depression."

The two-day convention ends today.

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'No, No Nanette!' Opens Tonight in Duncan

Vincent Youman's "No, No, Nanette!" the musical comedy which created a sensation when first produced in 1925 and has survived the intervening years in fine style, is the spring bill of fare cooked up by the Duncan Musical Society.

It opens tonight at 8.15 at the Cowichan High School and runs Friday and Saturday.

Stage direction is by Margaret Hall and the musical director is Bob Howard. The cast includes the frisky Virginia Lefever as Nanette with Lavonne Gunn, Jane Russell, Jean Shortreed, Louise Sharpe, Hilda Martin, Tosca Oyen, Doug Hudson, Ed Cuppage and John Cowans. And, in addition to these 10 principals, there is a full chorus of 25.

Nanaimo Fishing Spot May Be Open to Public

Recreation Minister Earle Westwood said Wednesday government investigations are in progress with a view to getting a public entry to Quennell Lake, a fishing spot near Nanaimo, the foreshore of which is practically all privately-owned.

CCF leader Robert Strachan, who represents Cowichan-Newcastle riding, said there are many lakes within a 10-mile radius of Nanaimo where there is good fishing but only one of them has public access.

He felt this was a serious problem since it denied to young people the enjoyment of the lakes.

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Tissue of Falsehood

THE advertisement published by the B.C. Federation of Labor in an effort to stir up opposition to Bill 43 is a mixture of falsehood and half-truths, with falsehood predominating. It is distressing to see an organization with the power and former stature of the federation resorting to a line of attack which insults the intelligence of all those "friends of labor" to whom the advertisement is addressed.

Six "reasons" are given why labor should protest the bill, and the very first contains at least three misrepresentations of fact which anyone who has read the bill (the full text of which is on Page 17 of this issue) or the many summaries of it should be able to detect in an instant. The first sentence reads: "The bill is entirely restrictive, and designed to hamper all trade unions in their negotiations." That is untrue. The bill has nothing to do with negotiations. The measure is of course restrictive, but it contains also a restriction on employers against interfering with a lawful strike by way of recourse to ex-parte injunctions. That in itself is a gain for unions of sufficient importance to outweigh anything they may dislike in the bill.

Falsehood No. 1 is followed by No. 2 only a few lines farther down, in a sentence beginning: "By depriving trade unions of established rights, the bill will . . ." What established rights? The restrictions with respect to strikes relate only to actions already unlawful. Since when has it been the established right of a trade union or anyone else to defy the law? Established practice maybe, in some instances; but established right, no.

Then at the end of the first reason for protest is this: "It proposes to club trade unions into acceptance of the employers' terms by the threats of ruinous damage suits." That perhaps is the supreme falsehood of a paragraph constructed of falsehoods. The federation knows perfectly well that in the process of negotiation an employer is forbidden by law from threatening, and dare not do so. As for clubbing unions into acceptance, that besides being contrary to fact is pure nonsense. The modern trade union in B.C. that could be clubbed into anything has yet to be seen.

With regard to actions for damages, there is nothing in this part of the bill applying to unions that does not apply in equal measure to employers; and of the two the latter is likely in practice to be the easier mark. A law-abiding union has nothing to fear and is as free as ever to strike so long as the existing and unchanged processes prescribed by statute are followed. But wilful disobedience of the law will be made punishable, as all other unlawful acts in a community are punishable.

It is unnecessary to pursue the remaining five reasons presented by the federation. The pattern of distortion runs through them all, not the least being the attempt to depict the courts of this province, long noted for their fairness, as ruthless tribunals eager to crucify the trade unions. The federation may find this ill-judged campaign causing them more harm than good, for it is bound to weaken confidence in and respect for the federation among the rank and file of labor. Few will be deceived by it.

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